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## CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

**1** More than 400 California firefighters were battling to contain a final stretch of wildfire that had caused the partial closure of a major highway and forced evacuations northwest of Los Angeles, officials said. The fire charred more than 1,200 acres between the coastal cities of Ventura and Carpinteria. Firefighters had dug containment lines around 70 percent of the blaze. **REUTERS**



## XMAS PARTY SHOOTING

**2** A 35-year-old man was shot and killed Saturday on a Queens street after reportedly leaving a Christmas party with his pregnant girlfriend. On Saturday at 6:45 a.m. police responded to a call of a person shot in front of 107-37 Guy R. Brewer Blvd. in Jamaica. Upon arriving, they found Donald Reed shot once in the neck and once in the torso, cops said. Reed was unconscious and unresponsive and taken to Jamaica Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

ANGY ALTAMIRANO

## 'STAR WARS' CROSSES \$1B

**3** "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" showed few signs of flagging over Christmas weekend, barreling past the \$1 billion mark globally at a faster clip than any film in history. It's becoming old hat to recount the various ways that the film is vaporizing records. **REUTERS**



## NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

**7** A general view of atmosphere of the Waterford Crystal installation for New Year's Eve 2016 atop One Times Square at Times Square on Sunday in New York City.



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## SEARCH FOR SUBWAY PERV

**4** Police are asking for the public's help in identifying and locating a man who exposed himself on a train in Brooklyn last week. On Monday at about 2:30 p.m. the suspect exposed and began to masturbate in front of a 43-year-old victim while on the northbound F train at the 7th Avenue station in Brooklyn, according to cops. **ANGY ALTAMIRANO**



## XMAS SHOOTER FOUND

**5** The search for a Bronx man who allegedly shot his wife in front of their two young children — after the woman asked for a divorce — ended Saturday after he was caught in Maryland. Rafael Herrera was located and taken into custody in Prince George, Maryland, police said, after fleeing Christmas morning when he allegedly shot his wife, Yadira Perea Saavedra, in their home at 967 E. 220th St. in Williamsbridge. **METRO**



## H&amp;M ROBBED \$8.7K

**6** Employees at an H&M on the Upper East Side were in for a scare Saturday night when a gunman robbed the store while instructing them all to lie on the floor, according to police. At about 11:23 p.m. the male suspect entered through the unlocked front door of the store located at 150 E. 86th St. He then displayed a silver firearm and escorted a female victim, along with other employees, to the back of the store and told them all to get on the ground, cops said. **ANGY ALTAMIRANO**



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## BRIEFS

**New water bill credit to help low-income, disabled or senior homeowners**

Close to 52,000 low-income, senior or disabled homeowners throughout the city will receive an automatic credit of \$115.89 on their next water bill, Mayor Bill de Blasio and the city's Department of Environmental Protection announced last week.

The credit — which is expected to save qualified participants about 25 percent

on their annual bill — is part of the Home Water Assistance Program, which was introduced in 2014.

"The holidays can be expensive — and this credit will provide some much-needed relief to low-income, senior and disabled homeowners," de Blasio said. "Our Home Water Assistance Program is just one way in which we've focused on providing relief to New York City's water customers — from

the lowest water-rate increase in over a decade to freezing the minimum charge."

A total of 12,500 homeowners who qualified for the Federal Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) last year received the credit. Now the DEP is expanding the program to individuals who are recipients of the Senior Citizens Homeowners Exemption or a Disabled Homeowners Exemption for property taxes.

DEP partnered with the Human Resources Administration (HRA) and Department of Finance to identify one- to four- family homeowners who received a HEAP or low-income property tax benefit this year.

To receive the credit, homeowners — who are identified as qualified participants — do not have to do anything because the credit will appear on the next water and sewer bill.

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## Wintry mix, cold temps ahead

Mix of rain and sleet expected to hit New York City on Monday night



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New Yorkers are expected to finally get a taste of the winter weather — or at least just for the start of the week.

According to the National Weather Service, New York City is expected to get its first wintry mix of rain and sleet Monday starting at around 8 p.m.

The frozen precipitation is expected to stay until the warmer air comes into the city turning the mix into just rain, which will last until late Tuesday after-

noon or evening.

With temperatures only reaching the low 40s during the day Monday, this is the first winter weather of the season for the Big Apple, said Faye Barthold, NWS meteorologist.


"It will feel quite cold to people, even though it's normal for this time of year," Barthold said. "It's a lot closer to what it should be."

The rest of the week is forecasted to have temperatures between the mid-40s and mid-50s, with chances of rain returning for Wednesday night.

New York City saw record-breaking temperatures Christmas Eve, with numbers hitting as high as 68 degrees — beating a record of 63 degrees back in 1996.


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# Mentor starts campaign for undocumented student's tuition

Brooklyn woman starts GoFundMe effort for pupil who was a "blessing" in her life.



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For most of Krystle Johnson's life, the issue of her immigration status never put her down — until recently when she faced the possibility of losing everything she worked hard to achieve.

Johnson, 20, is in the process of applying for her green card, and for the past 18 years has been living in the country without any documentation after emigrating from Jamaica with a visa.

In a year when immigration reform has been a hot topic for presidential candidates from both parties, her story illustrates

the struggle 65,000 undocumented students face in the nation, according to a report by the Center for American Progress.

The Brooklyn resident is enrolled at CUNY Lehman College and is studying business administration with a concentration in marketing.

However, just as she was finishing up the first half of her sophomore year this past fall, the school notified her that she could not apply for the spring semester until she paid off \$6,500 — by Jan. 16, 2016.

For most students, paying for tuition can be handled through financial aid. But due to Johnson's immigration status she is ineligible to receive any help. Her family is also not able to help her financially, so she was afraid of what would happen next.

"It's a real setback because I had all my class-

es and I was ready to already start, and all of a sudden it was this big thing that happened," Johnson said. "I think people in these situations should get more help than they are getting because we are just left on our own."

Johnson turned to her friend Denise Hughes, whom she met through the one-on-one mentoring program iMentor three years ago. The two were partnered up and a friendship flourished from their love for writing.

Hughes reached out to friends and colleagues who eventually put them in contact with Angy Rivera, an activist who was an undocumented immigrant for 19 years and started the first national undocumented online youth advice column.

Through Rivera, Hughes and Johnson looked at options to help

with the tuition and came upon the idea of starting a GoFundMe campaign.

"It's really a blessing, honestly, because without Denise I don't think I would be this far," Johnson said. "It almost makes me cry sometimes because without her I don't know where I would be right now."

Hughes said that she wanted to help Johnson, because the 20-year-old has been a "blessing" in her life. She added that watching and helping Johnson finish up high school and seeing her commitment to her family and community, she was pushed to find out what really motivated her and led Hughes to enroll in graduate school.

"Krystle has been a very big blessing in my life," Hughes said. "The thing that always inspired me about Krystle is her dedication. She



A GoFundMe campaign was started to help Krystle Johnson (pictured) continue her college education. **iMENTOR**

is just a very inspiring young lady."

Since launching Dec. 21, the GoFundMe campaign has received \$1,500 of its \$6,580 goal, and the wave of support has both women feeling deeply grateful.

"It has just been very beautiful and inspiring to

see so many people that I have never met donating to a wonderful lady they don't know but they should know," Hughes said.

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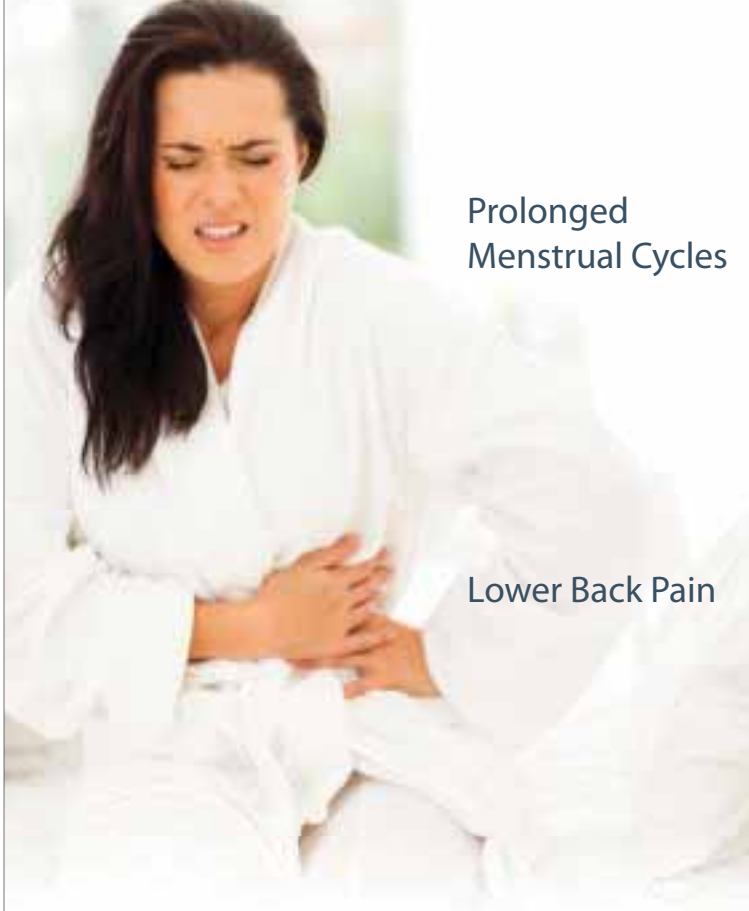


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## Evacuation of three Syrian towns to go ahead Monday under rare deal: sources

Earlier this month Syrian government officials said they had agreed on a deal for rebel fighters to withdraw from the last insurgent-held area of the city of Homs with their weapons as part of a local cease-fire agreement.



Syrian pro-government fighters guard a post in the Tal Sharba area on the outskirts of the northern Syrian city of Aleppo on Sunday after they seized the area from Islamic State group jihadists. GETTY IMAGES

Besieged rebel fighters in a Syrian border town and families trapped in two Shi'ite towns in northern Syria are expected to be evacuated Monday in the second stage of a rare, U.N.-backed deal between warring sides in Syria's war, sources close to negotiations said.

The deal will allow scores of rebel fighters who have been holed up for months in the town of Zabadani, near the Lebanese border, to have safe passage to Beirut airport

to then head for their final destination of Turkey under International Committee of the Red Cross auspices, the sources said.

Simultaneously, around 300 families in two besieged Shi'ite towns in the mainly rebel-held northwestern province of Idlib will be heading in a land convoy to the Turkish border from where they will then fly to Beirut.

The route via Turkey is the safest for the families as traveling through Syria would take them through Idlib, where a patchwork of rebels con-

trol different areas.

The U.N. and foreign governments have tried to broker local cease-fires and safe-passage agreements as steps toward the wider goal of ending Syria's civil war, in which more than 250,000 people have been killed in nearly five years of fighting.

Iran and Turkey, which back opposing sides in the Syrian conflict, helped bring about the local cease-fires in Zabadani and in the two villages in Idlib in September in the first phase of the deal. REUTERS

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# Families demand Chicago police, mayor answer for fatal shootings

A federal investigation is underway over the department's use of deadly force and officer discipline.

The families of two black Chicagoans killed by police Sunday accused officers of having used excessive force and Mayor Rahm Emanuel of having failed them, piling pressure on a city facing a U.S. federal probe over possible racial bias in policing.

Police, responding to a domestic disturbance call, shot Quintonio LeGrier, 19, a college student who was visiting his father, and Bettie Jones, a 55-year-old mother of five, Saturday.

Family members said police were called after LeGrier threatened his father with a metal baseball bat. Jones, who lived in a first-floor apartment, was shot through the door, according to her cousin, Evelyn Glover.

Police said LeGrier was being combative. They said Jones was killed by accident and extended their condolences.

"This needs to stop. No mother should have to bury her child," Janet Cooksey, LeGrier's mother, said at a news conference. She said her son was shot seven times. She previously told reporters her son had been suffering from mental

illness.

Several people who spoke at the news conference in front of the home wore T-shirts reading, "Rahm Failed Us."

High-profile killings of black men by U.S. police officers since mid-2014 have triggered waves of protest — including in Chicago, the country's third-largest city — and fueled a civil rights movement under the name Black Lives Matter.

A Chicago police video of the fatal shooting of another black teenager sparked protests last month, with activists demanding the resignation of Emanuel, a former chief of staff to President Barack Obama.

At the news conference, family members wanted to know why police had used lethal force. A vigil for the two was planned for later Sunday.

LeGrier, a sophomore at Northern Illinois University, was home for Christmas and visiting his father, landlord of the two-story wood-frame building where the shooting occurred, they said.

The police department provided scant information, saying an unspecified weapon was recovered and no officers were hurt. Police did not say whether there was a video of the incident and provided no information on the officers involved.

REUTERS



Janet Cooksey listens to speakers talk about the deaths of her son Quintonio LeGrier, and Bettie Jones before the start of a vigil on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

*"I used to watch the news daily and I would grieve for other mothers, other family members. Now today, I am grieving for myself. When do we get answers?"*

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# Pope urges help for Cuban migrants in Central America

Speaking from a window overlooking St. Peter's Square, Francis said many of those stranded were victims of human trafficking.



Pope Francis GETTY IMAGES

Pope Francis urged Central American governments Sunday to find a way to help thousands of U.S.-bound Cuban migrants stranded on the border between Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

Nicaragua has refused to let the growing number of Cubans trying to reach the United States who have become stuck in Costa Rica pass through its territory. About 5,000 Cubans are on the border.

"I ask the countries of the region to generously resume efforts to find a quick solution to this humanitarian drama," he said.

Central America and Mexico have seen a surge in migrants from the Communist-ruled island as the process of a detente between Washington and Havana raises the prospect that U.S. asylum rights for

Cubans may soon end.

Last week the Nicaraguan government proposed the U.S. organize an airlift to take the migrants directly from Costa Rica to the United States. The Costa Rican government has tried to persuade Belize and Guatemala to allow the Cubans passage to Mexico.

The plight of migrants is expected to be a main topic of Francis' trip in February to Mexico, where he will say Mass at Ciudad Juarez within meters of the border with Texas.

Earlier on Sunday, Francis said Mass in St. Peter's Basilica for families in Rome marking the Roman Catholic Church's jubilee year. **REUTERS**

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# Donald Trump blasts Republican expected to endorse his rival

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump assailed a leading committee chairman in Congress for backing Marco Rubio, Trump's rival for the party's nomination.

Trump, the front-runner in the Republican race, needled Trey Gowdy for his role as chairman of the House of Representatives select committee investigating the 2012 attack in Benghazi, Libya, in which four Americans were killed.

In October, Hillary Clinton, 68, front-runner for the Democratic nomination, calmly deflected committee criticism of her handling of the attack while she was President Barack Obama's secretary of state.

"In total [the committee] was not good

for Republicans and the country. I mean beyond Republicans, it was bad for the country. I hope he does a whole lot better for Marco," Trump, 69, said of Gowdy on Fox News' "Fox and Friends."

The conservative news site Townhall reported Gowdy's planned endorsement, and an email from the Rubio campaign confirmed that Gowdy, a South Carolina Republican, would travel with Rubio on the campaign trail this week.

"Marco is a rock-solid conservative and a strong leader we can trust. I look forward to campaigning in Iowa with him, and introducing my good friend to voters across the state," Gowdy said in a statement.

Trump further needled



Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

Gowdy online, retweeting a number of messages critical of Gowdy and the committee. "Face it, Trey Gowdy failed miserably on Benghazi. He allowed it to drag out and in the end, let Hillary get away with murder," one user wrote.

Despite Trump's critique, a Gowdy endorsement could boost Rubio.

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# Buzziest celeb moments of 2015

It wasn't a great year for being famous and married, that's for sure.



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The worlds of celebrity and pop culture were filled with plenty of attention-grabbing moments over the course of 2015, and sometimes enough similar ones — like when a long-married celeb couple calls it quits — to constitute a troubling trend. Here's what got our attention this year.

## 1 The year of the celebrity divorce

Sure, there were some notable weddings this year — hooray, Jennifer Aniston! — but they were greatly overshadowed by the number of married couples that packed it in. From Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner to Halle Berry and Olivier Martinez, 2015 really looked like the year of knowing when to say when. Heck, “The Voice” judges Gwen



Stefani and Blake Shelton even had time to parlay their splits — from Gavin Rossdale and Miranda Lambert, respectively — into a new, camera-friendly romance.

## 2 Justin Bieber makes a comeback

In 2014, Justin Bieber was Canada's most hated export. But this year, a pop-culture miracle occurred and he is back on top thanks to excessively apologizing and releasing some actually very good new music. Joining forces with Skrillex and Diplo, Bieber's song “What Do You Mean?” debuted at No. 1

on the Billboard Hot 100 charts.

## 3 The Kardashian family continued to exist

In 2015, Kris and her extended brood — Kanye included — did everything they could to take the “we live in public” mantra to heart — and attempt to steal the thunder of ex Caitlyn Jenner. But did it work? Well, we now know who Tyga is, and Kim K. continues to dominate Instagram



and Twitter. Kanye even said he's running for president, and we actually humored him. That's got to count for something.

## 4 Taylor Swift's overstuffed squad

Taylor Swift hit the road this year for her “1989” tour and decided to use it as a chance to prove to the world that she knows a lot — and we do mean a lot — of famous people, with special cameos onstage

by everyone: the U.S. women's soccer team, Karlie Kloss, Miranda Lambert, Justin Timberlake — the list goes on. But she wasn't impossible to say no to. No less than Patrick Stewart and Ian McKellan were able to resist her charms. And honestly, Jennifer Lawrence and Amy Schumer dancing on Billy Joel's piano felt much more organic.

## 5 Ariana Grande's doughnut debacle

One way to help make your bubbly young pop-star self seem more relatable to the fans? Showing that you like to get stoned and skulk around doughnut shops, maybe even overstepping your bounds and taste-testing a pastry or two on the counter, as Ariana Grande did in a great 2015 moment caught on camera. Not so

helpful in the relatability game? Declaring that you “hate America” after being chastized for your intoxicated behavior.



# Top music moments of 2015

**1 Adele says “Hello”**  
Fans had to wait four years for Adele's new album, but it was worth it. The queen of heartache is breaking all sorts of records. “Hello” sold more than 1.1 million copies in one week, got 27 million Vevo views in one day and was streamed over 2.3 million times in the U.S., knocking One Direction off the top spot.

## 2 Drake's “Hotline Bling” moves

This was the year fans proved just how much they love Drake, even with his dad dance moves and



turtleneck. Hours after the “Hotline Bling” video premiered, a slew of memes went out gently poking fun at him. The rapper is the one who had the last laugh, though — the buzz was enough to generate his 13th No. 1 on the Billboard R&B/hip-hop chart.



## 3 Katy Perry and Left Shark win the Super Bowl

Missy Elliott and Lenny Kravitz both joined Katy Perry on stage during the Super Bowl this year, but there was someone else on stage who stole the show: a dude in a shark costume who danced to the beat of his own drum. Left Shark gyrated and shimmied his way into hearts across America.

## 4 Miley hosted the MTV Video Music Awards in 11 different outfits

A lot when down when Miley Cyrus hosted the VMAs. First, she got into a fight on stage with Nicki Minaj (see our TV list). Then, she released a surprise album that everyone could get free online. And she did it all wearing 11 really ridiculous, revealing outfits.



## 5 Kendrick Lamar wins over all with “To Pimp a Butterfly”

The buzz for Kendrick Lamar's album kicked in months before its release, but when it came out a month early, it dominated music blogs for weeks with extensive praise from fans and critics. The album landed the top spot on the Billboard Top 200 chart and sold more than 323,000 units in a week. Lamar gave a moving

speech at a New York City concert to show his appreciation: “Making this album was therapy not only for you, but for me. Y'all allowed it to be top tier without a constant radio single. So that proves to you that right there, music is not something that you can market all of the time. This s— belongs to you, and you only.”

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# The 10 best films of 2015

This was a great year for movies. These were our favorites.



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## 1 "Mad Max: Fury Road"

Not only is it big-screen movie-making at its most spectacular and crazy (Hedgehog cars! Flamethrower guitars! Gout!), George Miller's return to his postapocalyptic fantasia is an angry feminist salvo, too, featuring independent women fighting against their old male oppressors in a blaze of glory.



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## 2 "The Mend"

The year's most thrillingly unpredictable movie, John Magary's hilarious indie is an odd-couple comedy about very different brothers (scuzzy Josh Lucas and uptight ticking time bomb Stephen Plunkett) barely holding it together. It's as tightly wound as its two characters, and the whole thing seems like a primal scream that will never stop.



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## 3 "World of Tomorrow"

One of the year's best films runs only 17 minutes, but it contains the world's mysteries. The latest from Don Hertzfeldt, animation's great stick figure depresso, peers into a ridiculous future to remind us of humanity's short shelf life.



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## 7 "Experimenter"

Michael Almereyda's renegade biopic takes a deceptively just-the-facts approach to Stanley Milgram (Peter Sarsgaard), the social psychologist (in)famous for his experiments involving obedience. You may think you have it figured out before its very final moment throws you for a loop.



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## 4 "Magic Mike XXL"

The first "Magic Mike" was fairly serious. The sequel to Steven Soderbergh's male stripper saga is not. It's a hilarious, fleshy comedy complete with a Backstreet Boys-backed strip-off. But the fun is bittersweet.



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## 8 "Heaven Knows What"

"Heaven" gets so close to NYC's homeless addicts that most of the cast was real. Based on the life of its thrilling star, Arielle Holmes, filmmakers, Ben and Joshua Safdie's indie miraculously avoids any of the clichés about movies about the down and out.



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## 5 "Saint Laurent"

The wildest of the recent Yves Saint Laurent movies isn't a snoozy Wikipedia biopic. In fact, you'll learn few things about the fashion god. You will, however, get lost in his most decadent and trashy period, soaking up a party that will eventually have to end.



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## 9 "Carol"

Detached yet passionate, Todd Haynes' '50s lesbian romance depicts love from a practical perspective, with characters forced to navigate a landmine-strewn road to happiness. When things finally turn romantic, it all feels like it's been earned through grit and perseverance.



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## 6 "Eden"

Sold as a body-moving look at electronic music in the early Daft Punk era, Mia Hansen-Love's epic — about a DJ who ages out of his profession — is the rare music film about those who never made it. It's a sad antidote to all those success stories that feed us lies.



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## 10 "The Look of Silence"

Joshua Oppenheimer's second film about the Indonesian genocide of the '60s is less of an attention-grab than "The Act of Killing." But it's possibly even more vital and haunting, and both films force us to rethink the way we deal with "evil."

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# Top TV moments of 2015

Whether on networks, cable or streaming, there was plenty of great TV to go around this year. Narrowing down the best bits wasn't easy, but here's what we think deserves some proper recognition. **NED EHRBAR AND RACHEL RACZKA**

## 1 Amy Schumer's very literal "Last F—able Day"

Leave it to comedy's golden girl to bring together the mega-wattage of Tina Fey and Patricia Arquette to toast Julia Louis-Dreyfus' "last f—able day" in the Season Three premiere of her Comedy Central show. Not only hilarious by nature, it threw astute shade at Hollywood's wild standards for women "of a certain age." Schumer returned the favor later this year, appearing in Fey and Amy Poehler's "Bad Blood" parody on "Saturday Night Live." Double props.



## 2 "Mad Men" buys the world a Coke

Sure, the final season of "Mad Men" had many great candidates for awesome moments, but none thrilled in exactly the same poignantly hilarious way as the serene grin that comes of the lantern-jawed mug of Don Draper (Jon Hamm) as his flirtation with New Age hippie nonsense nets him the career comeback he needs.



## 3 Meeting Cait

Caitlyn-without-a-K Jenner helped put an important conversation into the mainstream when she gave her first interview to Diane Sawyer in April. "Yes, for all intents and purposes, I am a woman," said the Olympian. The conversation hasn't stopped.



## 4 Miley, what's good?

The MTV VMAs aren't usually high on our must-see list, but this year's brought beef to a live broadcast when Nicki Minaj called out host Miley Cyrus. Minaj lashed out about Cyrus' remarks to the New York Times, saying that the rapper was being "not too kind" in her Twitter battle with Taylor Swift.

## 5 Jon Stewart exits "The Daily Show"

Jon Stewart retired from his post at the helm of "The Daily Show" in August — but not without a proper sendoff. His final episode concluded with a monologue in which he announced his "moment of zen," before being played out by Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band. Don Draper's final moments may have been meme-worthy, but Stewart's farewell really made an impact.



## 6 "The Jinx" has the liveliest live mic

Robert Durst is a dirt bag. We all knew that. But it wasn't until a live microphone caught him in the bathroom during the finale of HBO's docu-series "The Jinx" with a whispered notion: "What the hell did I do? Killed them all, of course." Chills.

## 7 Jon Snow, pin cushion

Fans of the "Game of Thrones" books, enjoy this as your last moment to be smug toward your TV-watching brethren, because now we're all on the same page. And that page is wondering exactly how fatal those countless stab wounds Jon Snow (Kit Harington) endured from his own men in the Night's Watch will turn out to be. Your five seasons of feeling superior are over.

## 8 NBC somehow gets "The Wiz" right

With this fall's "The Wiz," NBC transcended the hate-watching that had become a regular part of its questionable foray into live-broadcast musicals. After a stilted "Sound of Music" and cringe-inducing "Peter Pan," this trip to the Emerald City was downright Tony-worthy. It's so weird. It's almost like we forgot how to just watch something good.

## 9 Cookie Lyon rules "Empire"

Fox's music-biz soap "Empire" had plenty of elements to make it an instant guilty pleasure, but none were as effective as the Lady MacBeth of hip-hop, Cookie Lyon (Taraji P. Henson). You do not want to cross her, that's for sure.



## 10 Anna Chlumsky's epic rant on "Veep"

While Julia Louis-Dreyfus generally — and rightly — gets the spotlight on HBO's pitch-perfect "Veep," junior underling Amy (Anna Chlumsky) let loose in a tirade to end all tirades as she unloaded on a useless sycophant and finally told off her clueless boss in sublime fashion, using language we can't repeat here. Sure, she's been nominated for an Emmy each year the show's been on the air, but this year it's criminal she didn't take home a trophy.

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# Inspiring advice from successful #girlbosses

Designer Norma Kamali, Equinox President Sarah Robb O'Hagan and BaubleBar co-founder Daniella Jacobovsky say you should take a vacation.



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It's hard out there for a lady in business (what with the wage gap, persistent gender biases and poor maternity leave options). That's why it's so important for women to support other women in their careers.

As part of a recent Women Helping Women breakfast, nonprofit Dress for Success — which provides professional attire and networking services to disadvantaged women — invited three badass women to talk about their careers.

Moderated by news anchor Erica Hill, the panel

of #girlbosses included designer Norma Kamali, who has maintained her own independent fashion label for 40 years; Sarah Robb O'Hagan, president of Equinox Fitness; and Daniella Jacobovsky, co-founder of online jewelry boutique BaubleBar. Here's what we learned from them.

## Don't try to conform

O'Hagan has worked in lots of male-dominated companies, from Nike and Gatorade to Equinox, where she's president, and she says at first she felt incredible pressure to conform.

"But fitting in is not what brings innovation," she says. "You might think, 'My boss wants me to do this, or think like this,' but the truth is your boss wants the business to succeed." And you can only do that by pushing through new ideas. "That's what benefits the economy. Be yourself."

## One thing at a time

Nowadays, there's a lot of emphasis on multitasking and moving quickly. "I really have to tell myself to slow down," says Yacobovsky, who launched BaubleBar with her best friend from Harvard Business School. "Be all-in in the one thing you're doing."

O'Hagan says the same thinking can be applied to switching jobs. "Millennials often don't stay long enough in a company," she says. "Brands are like families — you have to honor heritage and tradition, but also bring in the new and experiment. If you're constantly going onto the next thing, you can't really effect change or make your mark. And you can't learn from the others there."

## Aim high

Kamali — whose fashion innovations include the "sleeping bag coat" and 3D-film runway shows — says writing a to-do list



Norma Kamali, Daniella Jacobovsky, Erica Hill and Sarah Robb O'Hagan PROVIDED

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with actionable goals isn't enough for her.

"The point is creating dreams that you think you may not accomplish, because the road to trying to accomplish those dreams is the accomplishment. Even if you don't do what you set out to,

you'll be able to accomplish more than you ever thought, and perhaps come up with something entirely new."

## Work-life balance

All three say they can get a little work-obsessed,

and that while it's good to be passionate about your job, it's essential to take a breather now and then. "Employees bring much more to their businesses when they're out doing things they are interested in," says O'Hagan.

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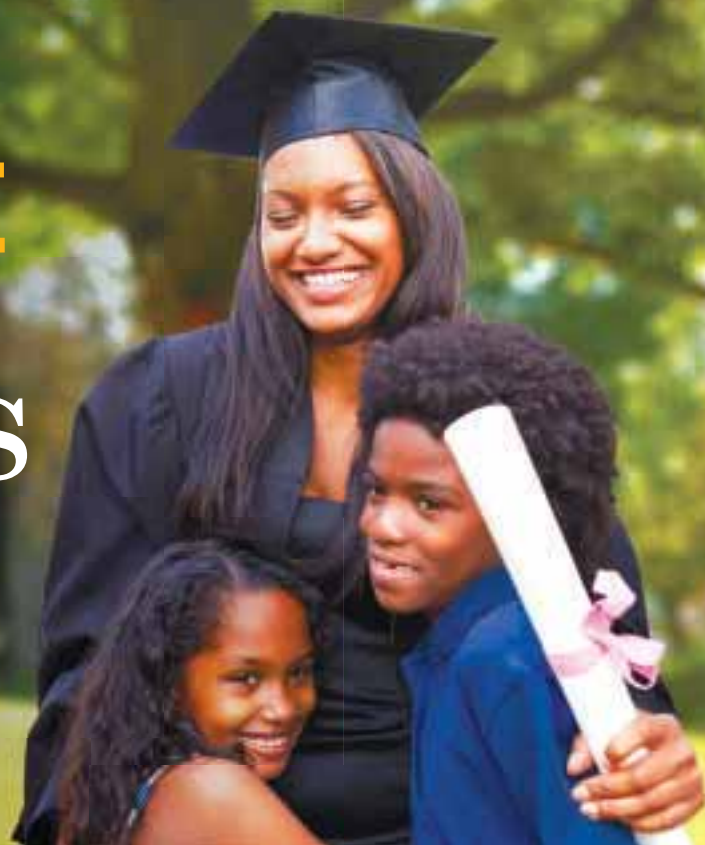
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# ‘Million Dollar Listing’ gurus reveal their first jobs

Spoiler: They were not glamorous.

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We asked these real estate titans about their humble beginnings and what they learned from them.

## Fredrik Eklund

“Million Dollar Listing New York”; author of “The Sell”

### First job: Chopping onions

“I grew up in Sweden, and it was mandatory when you were in school to have a job for two weeks. Around age 12, they just send you out into the workforce, and I was assigned to a famous restaurant in Stockholm called PA & Co.

“My job was to chop onions in the kitchen. I cried a lot at the time, but I actually developed an obsession with onions: Now I can eat them like apples, and I put raw onions on everything.

“I still go back to that restaurant all the time, and get one of the best tables. I like to sit by the window and reminisce.”

## Ryan Serhant

“Million Dollar

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### First job: Carrying bags of roof shingles

“I was a laborer for Testa Building & Remodeling in Andover, Massachusetts, and my job was to take 80-pound bags of shingles up ladders, where roofers would hammer them in. I did that for three years and made around \$8 an hour, which when you're 15 is a significant amount of money.

“But my real goal in life was to be a movie star, and I always said that one day I would come back and have them build me a \$10 million house. I told the owner that all the time.

“It was such an intense experience for me. I liked that once the workday was over, it was over, and you didn't have to think about it anymore. Nowadays, my work never ends.

“There were definitely days that we hated it, but looking back, I can't imagine not having gone through it. When I meet people now who have never done manual labor, I can tell right away. They just don't know what it means to get dirty.”

## Josh Altman

“Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles”; author of “It's Your Move”

### First job: Sorting mail

“When I first moved to Los Angeles from Boston, I had no money and no connections. My rollerblades were my car, and my brother's couch was my bed. I literally went around town just trying to find anything, and the only place I could get a job was in the mailroom, at a music agency called The Firm.

“I did everything from getting people's lunch to answering phones to delivering mail to getting dry-cleaning. All the horrible stuff. I got paid \$7.50 an hour, and I'll tell you exactly what I spent it on: taking out the best agents at the company for drinks or lunch or dinner, to hear their stories of how they became a success. That's actually how I first heard about real estate, because some agents were making extra money selling houses on the side.

“When I flipped my first house and made \$200,000, I kept it polite and classy: I went into my boss' office and just said, ‘Thanks for the opportunity.’ That's how I quit. But I really hated my boss, and wanted to say something else.” **REUTERS**



# PREDICTING THE 2016 FUTURE IN NY SPORTS

## OPINION



**MATT BURKE**  
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What a difference a year makes.

A year ago at this time, Metro celebrated Derek Jeter's farewell as the No. 1 New York sports moment of 2014. Sure, it was a classic moment — but it had little to do with a New York team actually closing in on or capturing a championship title. New Yorkers care about championships and championships alone.

The prospects for 2016? They actually look pretty damn good in terms of there being a parade down the Canyon of Heroes.

Here's a look at what we think will go down in 2016:

### Either the Mets or Rangers will win it all

A major New York team hasn't captured a title since the Giants beat the Patriots four years ago. It's far from an epic drought

for the city. But it's a drought, nonetheless. Expect the malaise to end in 2016. The Mets, armed with the best young pitching staff in the game, have the weapons necessary to get back to the World Series. They also now have the October experience to win the whole damn thing. As for the Rangers, they're going through a little funk right now. But better now than in the spring. The NHL season is ridiculously long. The Blueshirts will find their way.

### The good and bad for Knicks

Kristaps Porzingis will beat out Minnesota's Karl-Anthony Towns and Philly's Jahlil Okafor to win the NBA Rookie of the Year award. But the Knicks won't make the playoffs. Just their luck that the rest of the Eastern Conference finally decided to be decent again. There are nine teams behind the Cavs right now with above-.500 records and all of them are just a few games out of the race for the No. 1 seed. In the entire conference, only the Nets and 76ers have zero chance at



The run by Matt Harvey and the Mets this past fall was no fluke. GETTY IMAGES

making the postseason.

### Tom Coughlin will "retire"

Coughlin and the Giants will do this the classy way, but the two-time Super Bowl winner will no longer be employed by Big Blue in 2016. The hunt for his replacement will be

fascinating as Giants brass are rarely in this spot. After doing their homework, they'll hire Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels. Bill Belichick still holds a place in his heart for the Giants organization and will give McDaniels his blessing. And it may actually work out for this Belichick assistant in New York. Remember,

Belichick wasn't Belichick until he landed his second NFL head coaching gig. McDaniels should be a whole lot better in his second go-round than he was in Denver.

### Cano will return

The Yankees will have another blah first half of

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the season, Starlin Castro will be a complete bust, and the Yanks will need to make a big splash at the trade deadline to catch some buzz. They'll bring back a disgruntled Robinson Cano and Cano will tear it up in late July and have the Yankees in the hunt for a playoff spot. The Yanks won't get there, but Cano's return will be hailed as a coup by Brian Cashman.

## Pats lose in overtime

Bill Belichick has always been unconventional. So it's both surprising and unsurprising that the Patriots chose to kick when overtime started Sunday. The gamble didn't pay off, as the potent Jets offense would not give the ball back.

Looking to end a 20-20 deadlock and move into playoff position, New York marched down the field and an Eric Decker 6-yard touchdown catch earned the Jets win No. 10, 26-20.

Ryan Fitzpatrick picked apart New England's typically sound secondary with a 48-yard

pass to Quincy Enunwa and a 20-yarder to Brandon Marshall to move the Jets into scoring range.

Fitzpatrick would out-duel Tom Brady, compiling 296 yards and three touchdown passes — two to Brandon Marshall, who eclipsed 100 receptions for the sixth time in his career. Brady threw for 231 yards and an interception as the Pats were outgained 428-284 by the Jets.

Brady did flash his usual brilliance late in the fourth quarter, as he hit James White for a game-tying scoring strike just inside the two-min-

ute mark.

New York holds its own playoff destiny now, sitting in the second wild-card spot. They can still clinch a berth with some help — but a win will guarantee they play at least into January's second week.

The Patriots have yet to clinch home field advantage in the playoffs, dropping to 12-3 with one game to go, a 1 p.m. matchup with the Dolphins Sunday.

The Jets are also on the road for their regular-season finale, in Buffalo against Rex Ryan's Bills.

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Head coach Bill Belichick of the New England Patriots. GETTY IMAGES

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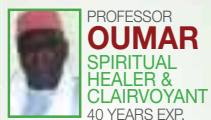
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## CLUES:

All things worn above the waist  
All state symbols of Maine  
All types of dance  
All car makes  
All musical instruments  
All breakfast cereals  
All words that contain J  
All anagrams of 'caret'

Marimba		Cap
Vest	Zither	Moxie
Waltz	Trace	Cheerios
Muesli	Anorak	Crate
Moose	Hoedown	Trix
Chrysler	Nissan	Project
Cater	Blueberry	Minuet
Sitar	Pizza	Ford
Cajole		Jalopy

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## Across

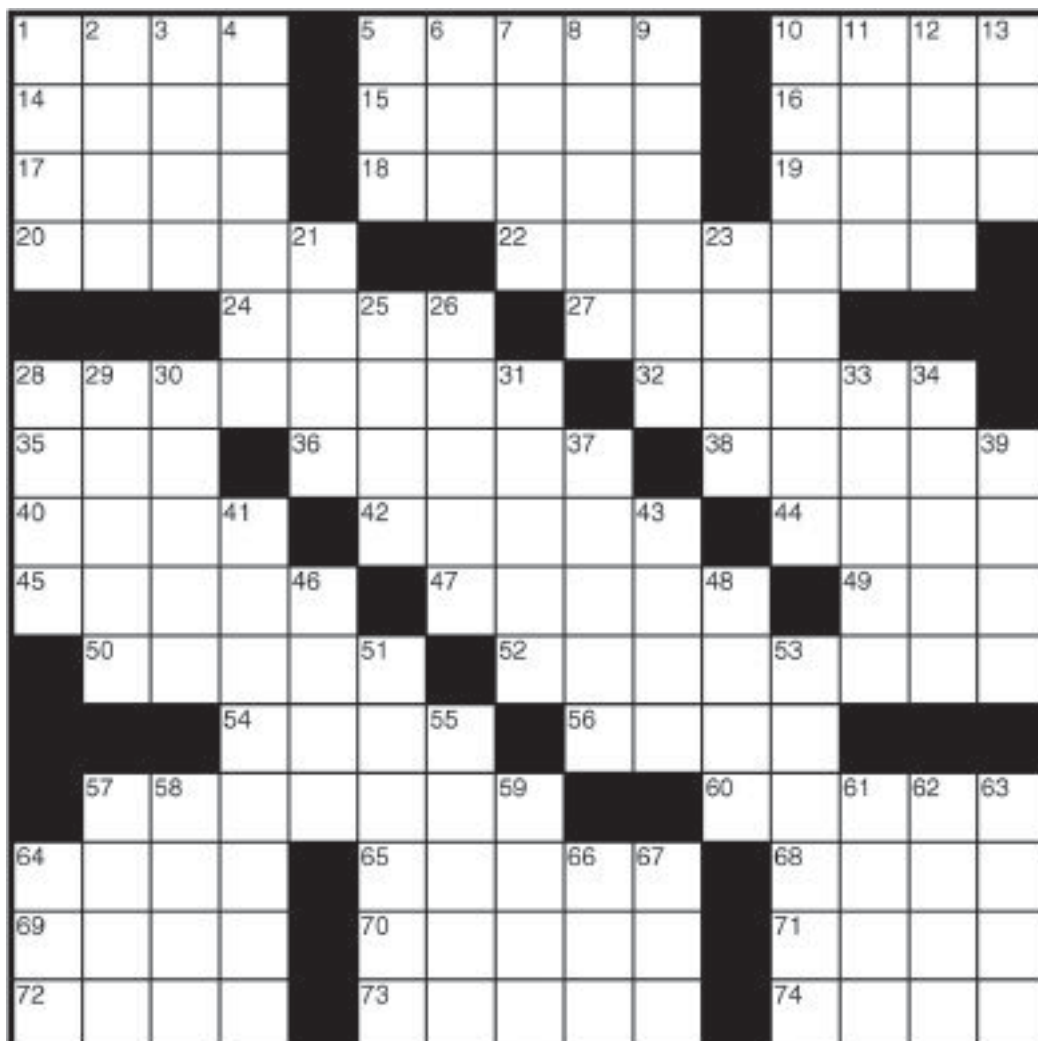
- 1 Folk follower
- 5 Woofs' partners
- 10 Peat sources
- 14 Lab medium
- 15 Not touching
- 16 Oops! (hyph.)
- 17 — vu
- 18 Fake drake
- 19 Bus route
- 20 B-vitamin source
- 22 Year-end cracker (2 wds.)
- 24 Toward sunup
- 27 Sell cheap
- 28 Roars, as the wind
- 32 Do finger painting
- 35 Ad — (wing it)
- 36 Kahuna's hello
- 38 Altiplano locale
- 40 Beep
- 42 Rolls tightly
- 44 Lean
- 45 Kind of mail
- 47 Ball-gown fabric
- 49 Back when
- 50 Fiery horse
- 52 — — Wenceslas
- 54 Hecklers' chorus
- 56 Summer job seeker
- 57 "— Got Run Over by a Reindeer"
- 60 Alcove
- 64 Obi-Wan player
- 65 Roof part
- 68 Empathize
- 69 Paycheck interval
- 70 Jostle
- 71 Roll-call yell
- 72 Cartoon shrieks
- 73 Metamorphic rock
- 74 Lean toward

- 2 S-shaped molding
- 3 Hindu prince
- 4 Rubs out
- 5 Gob of bubblegum
- 6 Mimic
- 7 Off-color
- 8 Haughty
- 9 Wax-tablet pen
- 10 Ball teams have two
- 11 Part of B&O
- 12 NBC's "The — Show"
- 13 Hen or mare
- 21 Bye, in Bristol (hyph.)
- 23 Mrs. Peel
- 25 Egotist's love
- 26 Brook catch
- 28 Diner sandwiches
- 29 Wildebeest chasers
- 30 Kapitan's command (hyph.)
- 31 Shoulder gesture
- 33 Ike beat him twice
- 34 Get crowned
- 37 Mete out
- 39 Urban woe
- 41 Curtain cords (hyph.)
- 43 — -eyed
- 46 Boxer — Spinks
- 48 Blissful spot
- 51 Avoids
- 53 Joust competitor
- 55 Diminutive
- 57 Unbounded joy
- 58 Smell awful
- 59 "SOS" group
- 61 Hudson Bay tribe
- 62 Fearsome cape
- 63 Was very thrifty
- 64 Blow away
- 66 Realty offering
- 67 Pasture grazer

## Down

- 1 Countess's title

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**Aries** If someone is giving you a hard time, the best way to handle the situation is to present yourself and what you do with confidence.



**Taurus** Give friends and loved ones your undivided attention. Sharing ideas and making social plans will boost your morale and inspire you to do well.



**Gemini** Reminiscing can be enlightening, but don't live in the past. It's important to learn from experience so that you can move forward.



**Cancer** It's important to take care of your health. Use your intelligence to ward off any negative influences or argumentative people.



**Leo** Put an end to old habits. Find something you enjoy doing that will contribute to your health and wellness. Once you get started, it will be easy.



**Virgo** You have a lot to give and plenty to gain if you participate in events that offer both personal incentives and a different point of view.



**Libra** Keep your opinions to yourself. Avoiding an altercation with someone is in your best interest. Use your energy to make personal physical improvements.



**Scorpio** Whatever you do, give it your all. Put your skills and knowledge to the test and offer to do something extraordinary for a friend.



**Sagittarius** Invest more time into honing your skills. You can bring about positive change, but first you have to have everything in place.



**Capricorn** You will be appreciated and rewarded for all the little extras you do for friends. You'll be offered information that will benefit a cause.



**Aquarius** Make your health a priority. Sign up for something that will challenge you physically. Express the way you feel in order to resolve a matter.



**Pisces** Check in with people from your past who you feel can contribute to something. Help is just a phone call away. **EUGENIA LAST**

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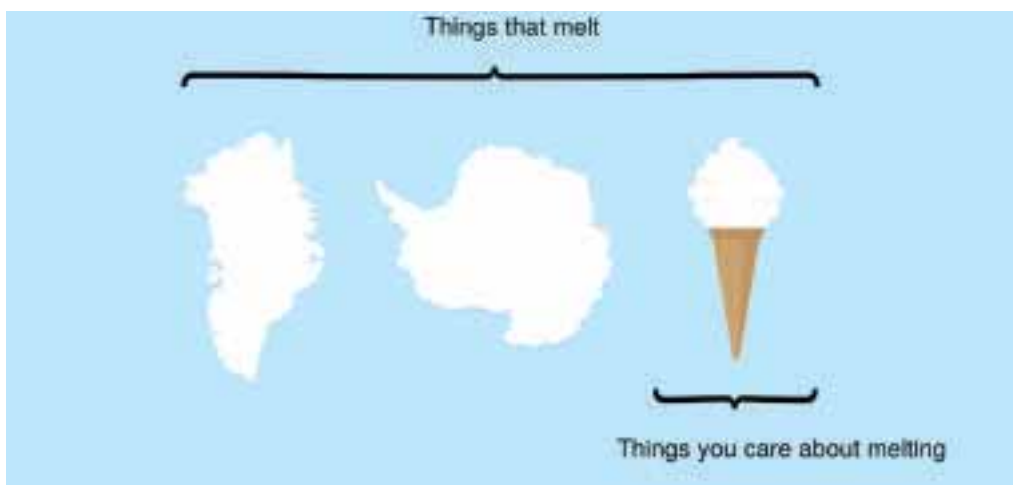
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